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FROM GRANT'S ARMY

The Unsuccessful Assaults—Description of the Enemy's Line—Our Loss during the Day—Deaths of the Dead and Wounded—Capture of 1,200 Red Captives.

[Associated Press Correspondence.]

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC
June 18—8 p.m.—The fighting yesterday was very severe along the greater part of the line; the most determined efforts being made by the enemy to break through at several points. But little ground was gained, however, and, on the left, where the enemy were forced to fall back to an inner line on account of the advanced position gained by Ledlie's division, they were forced to retire after noon.

The enemy's line still retains the form of semi-circle, with the ends resting on the Appomattox river—Petersburg about the center. At some points of the line our guns are with

The heaviest fighting occurred on the right center, where each division of the 2d corps, in different hours, charged the works in front, but without success, the enemy being behind the parapets. The 1st division of the 2d corps massed behind, and our men having crossed open fields of 200 to 400 yards in extent exposed to a cross fire from batteries planted so close as to sweep the entire space.

The fighting lasted about 5 p. m. by the 3d division, under Gen. Slocum, and their loss was probably heavier than in either of the others. Gen. Price was wounded while gallantly leading his brigade in the charge. Gen. Murfreesboro, on the right, attacked the enemy's position, but was repulsed, and lost many prisoners. His loss is reported at about 500.

The 5th corps did not lose heavily in the advance in the morning, but lost considerable numbers in the afternoon in their attack on the left.

The loss of the enemy at some points was greater than ours, but being generally behind their entrenchments were not so much pursued, and of course suffered less on the whole.

All the prisoners taken so far (some 1,200 of whom about 200 came in yesterday), represent themselves as being in Beauregard's army.

The following changes have been made:

Gen. Ingalls has been designated as chief quartermaster of the combined armies in the vicinity, to be stationed at City Point, with Gen. Grant.

Lieut. Col. Batchelder, chief quartermaster of the 2d army corps, has been temporarily assigned as chief quartermaster at Gen. Meade's headquarters.

Captain L. H. Pierce, late assistant chief quartermaster, Army of the Potomac, has been promoted to chief quartermaster of the 9th army corps, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Captain Kanson, assistant to Captain Clinton at headquarters Army of the Potomac, has been assigned to duty in the commissary department at headquarters of the 9th army corps.

These promotions are well deserved, and reflect great credit on the Commander-in-Chief.

GEN. BUTLER'S DEPARTMENT.

BALTIMORE, June 20.—A letter received from Bermuda Hundred, dated June 15, says that in all, 21 pieces of artillery have been captured from the enemy in our assaults upon the works at Petersburg, besides a large number of prisoners.

"When the enemy withdrew his forces

The James River was blocked a few

below Drewry's Bluff, to prevent a surprise attack on rebel rams.

FROM EUROPE.

CAPE RACE, June 20.—The steamer North American, from Liverpool, June 9, and Londonderry on the 10th, passed at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning, bound for Quebec. The political news is unimportant. It is said that the Germans assent to a formal night's extension of the armistice.

Latest via Londonderry.

LIVERPOOL, June 10.—The resumption of hostilities in Denmark is feared.

Breadstuffs are dull and downward. Wheat is firm. Provisions quiet and steady. Consols 90 1/2.

Telegram from Secretary Chase—The Public Debt.

NEW YORK, June 20.—A telegram from Secretary Chase, dated Washington, June 20, says the present aggregate of the public debt, including all legal-tender notes and unpaid redemptions amounts to \$17,719,306,188 88. The interest-bearing legal-tender notes which have been withdrawn amount to \$8,599,770.

The ordinary legal-tender notes which have been withdrawn and placed in reserve amount to \$17,255,872.

Of course it will be necessary to replace the withdrawn legal-tender notes with government interest-bearing securities.

Local News.

A letter was read from Prof. S. F. B. Morse enclosing a list of names and asking to be constituted a member of the association. The reading of the letter occasioned much applause, and Mr. Thos. B. Florence made a speech highly laudatory of Mr. Morse's patriotism and Peace Democratic principles.

Samuel T. Drury and C. Gantner connected themselves with the association.

On motion of Mr. Florence, it was resolved that meetings be held every night for the next two weeks, and that members of Congress and others be invited to address such persons as may desire to speak at the ball.

Mr. Florence also moved the appointment of a committee to get up a proper celebration on the coming Fourth of July; and the motion was carried.

On the passage of Mr. Florence's resolutions a committee, consisting of Messrs. Florence, Wise, Thornbury, Purdy and Drury, was appointed to make all arrangements for the celebration.

At this moment a man dressed in the uniform of a U. S. soldier entered the room, and as he was the first that had done so since the

organization of the association, he was vociferously applauded.

Mr. J. D. Hoover said that the delegates elected to the Chicago Convention were requested to meet at a specified time, so that it might be known who would come, and who would not go.

Mr. John F. Ennis said he had been elected a delegate, and he begged leave to decline the honor, as he was elected against his wishes and consent, and when he was not in the room.

Mr. J. D. Hoover said he hoped the gentleman would not be excused.

Mr. J. D. Hoover said he intended to go to the Chicago Convention and hang around its doors, as he was a regular knocking for admission. He thought he could do more good by staying at the hotel.

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